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SB590: Motor Vehicles - Reckless, Negligent, and Aggressive Driving

To Chair Smith and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I support SB0590, which alters the penalties for aggressive driving, bringing them in-line with the actions severity and adding needed elements to help curb aggressive driving.

I walk, bike, and take public transportation when possible, as it is mostly a pleasant and relaxing experience. Outside of a vehicle, aggressive driving behaviors are an assault on the people walking and bicycling. These behaviors must be curtailed for all road users and especially the most vulnerable road users.

Having been side-swiped by an aggressive driver, I know all too well that my life is in very real danger while riding a bicycle on the shoulder. Seeing vehicles mangled on the side of the road, I know those crashes didn't happen without somebody making a decision to engage in reckless and aggressive driving behavior.

Anything we can do to potentially decrease this behavior will help save lives for people navigating our roads in a motor vehicle, bicycle, scooter, wheel chair, or on foot.

I urge you to pass this bill out of committee so that it can be brought to the Senate floor for a vote. This bill has the potential to improve the lives of countless Marylanders who use active transportation as well as reducing aggressive driving behaviors.

Sincerely,

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